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CEMENT INDUSTRY IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to set up cement industry in some States particularly Orissa in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cement plants set up in such States including Orissa during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any of the proposals to set up cement plants in such States have been pending; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Limestone is a basic raw material for production of cement. Hence, the cement plants are located in the vicinity of the large limestone deposits.Orissa is not known to have limestone deposits in large quantity. However, there is scope for setting up cement units. The details of cement plants set up in different States during the Tenth Plan are at Annexure. No cement plant has been set up in Orissa during the said period.

(c) & (d): An industrial license is not required for setting up a cement plant. Under the liberalized economic environment, investment decisions including the location of industry are taken by entrepreneurs based on techno-economic considerations.